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SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Mossey.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 485.

SPEAKER BROMM: The motion is to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 485. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Synowiecki would move to amend. Senator, the first amendment I have is AM3513.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Synowiecki, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk, I would ask unanimous consent to withdraw that particular amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Synowiecki would move to amend with AM3596. (Legislative Journal page 1529.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. AM3596 in its original form was LB 1196. It was a bill introduced by me on January 21, 2004, and had a public hearing before the General Affairs Committee on February 9. It was advanced to General File by a vote of 6-0. AM3596 includes the committee amendments to LB 1196. The law currently provides for the dates on which respective license years shall commence. Further, the law provides that during the license year, no license shall be issued for a sum less than the amount of the annual license fee as fixed in this section regardless of the time when the application for such license has been made. In other words, the full amount of the fee is due no matter when you acquire the liquor license. In addition to the fee, a business owner is also required to pay an occupation tax. Under the current law, if a new license is issued one, two or perhaps three months before the renewal date, the licensee must pay the entire fee plus the entire occupation tax. Then whenever the license date